May 9, 2007

McCRACKEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCAL/STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING REPORT

A Local/State public hearing was held at the McCracken County Board of Education Office on May 9, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the McCracken County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 10-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the new plan.

There were (13) thirteen individuals in attendance. Brian Harper, Principal, served as the district-appointed hearing officer. Tim Heller, Superintendent, was present.

COMMENTS

Mr. Harper called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan which includes: major renovation/additions of Hendron Lone Oak Elementary, major renovation/additions of Lone Oak Middle School, major renovation of Heath Middle School, major renovation of Lone Oak High School, capital construction priorities after the 2008 biennium include new construction project to meet student capacity of Reidland Elementary School, major renovation/additions of Heath Elementary, major renovation/additions of Reidland Middle School, major renovation/additions of Farley Elementary School, major renovation/additions to Reidland High School, and major renovation to auditorium of Heath High School. All twelve schools have been identified as having discretionary construction projects.

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. Jeff Parker expressed the importance of the board of education looking long term. He requested for the McCracken County Board of Education to consider the impact of what will occur with Lone Oak High School's enrollment when the elementary and middle school students advance through the school system. In addition, he emphasized the importance of whatever is decided to do it right.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the McCracken County Local Planning Committee and adopted by the McCracken County Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the McCracken County School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted, Reviewed by:

Brian Harper, Hearing Officer Timothy K. Lucas, KDE Fac. Mgmt.

cc: Mark W. Ryles, Director Attachments: McCracken County School District Facility Plan

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